

# MR. DIX WILL PUSH THE ALBANY INQUIRY

To Name Justice in Place of  
Mr. Goff for Grand Jury  
Investigation.

## FIGHT OVER COMMITTEE

Effort to Extend Time Will Be Bitterly Opposed—Plan to Test Validity of Laws in Advance.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]  
ALBANY, N. Y., Thursday.—Governor Dix served notice on the Albany machine to-day that the investigation by the Grand Jury into political conditions in this city and county would not be abandoned because of the illness of Justice Goff. He said he would designate another justice to preside at a special term of Supreme Court at which the Grand Jury would consider the evidence brought out in the legislative investigation.

This designation may be made next week and it is expected that before that time there will be a decision of the Court. Appeals on the right to compel William Barnes, Jr., to answer certain questions. The time for the committee to make its report has expired, and an extension to permit it to do so has not been granted. It is undoubtedly precipitate a bitter fight, and is not unlikely will prevent any other action than the making of the report.

With the fate of the Levy Election Law and the "Cincinnati" Listings legislation in their mind the Senators and Assemblymen who remained over after the adjournment were trying to-day to devise a plan to test the constitutionality of a bill which would give the plan proposed to have the Court of Appeals pass upon constitutional questions in a bill before it becomes a law.

Assemblyman Cyrus W. Phillips, of Rochester, has proposed to Speaker Merritt that an effort be made to work out the details of the plan, which is likely to be used in Massachusetts. The constitutional objections to both the Levy law and the Employers' Liability act, were raised when the bills were pending in the Legislature, but there was no way to get a judicial decision until after an attempt had been made to enforce these laws, and then only by expensive litigation.

Mr. Merritt said he believed the matter was worth an investigation, but it is a question as to whether the result can be obtained without a constitutional amendment.

Brough President Connolly and Alderman Dujat, of Queens county, visited Governor Dix to-day and urged a liberal appropriation for the construction of good roads in that county. The Governor promised to go to the borough and look over the condition of the roads there.

**MR. DIX TO GIVE  
\$100,000 IN JOBS**  
Governor Asserts There Is No Danger  
of Democrats Who Want

State Berths.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

ALBANY, N. Y., Thursday.—Some of the democrats with statistical minds have found out that Governor Dix will have about \$100,000 worth of jobs to give out in the next few months. There are two Public Service Commissioners, at \$15,000 each; a Health Officer of the Port of New York, at \$12,500, and minor patronage under him.

The Governor said to-day that he had found no dearth of patriotic democrats for those places. There are at least twenty applicants for each of the Public Service places and as many more for that of the Health Officer. The Governor said he would send in the name of Dr. Doty tomorrow next week, but that may be a premature step in the Senate and he is awaiting the confirmation of the President.

**MR. WADSWORTH IS  
URGED FOR GOVERNOR**

Impromptu Political Dinner at Albany Becomes Boom for One Time Speaker of Assembly.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

ALBANY, N. Y., Thursday.—The boom James A. Wadsworth, one time Speaker of the Assembly, for Governor received considerable impetus at a dinner given at the Hotel Ten Eyck last night by James S. Parker, Assemblyman from Washington county. Mr. Wadsworth came to Albany to pay his respects to his old floor leader, Speaker Merritt, and Mr. Parker took the occasion to pay a dinner bet he made with William Leary, of New York, many months ago.

ago. At the dinner were many of the "guard" of the Assembly, including M. Merritt, John R. Yale, of Putnam; F. W. Hammond, now clerk of the Assembly, and Ray B. Smith. Others present were Judge Theodore L. Swift and G.

eral E. A. Merritt, and, of course, Mr. Parker and Mr. Leary. It would be impossible for so many politicians to get together without discussing gubernatorial possibilities, and the talk last night went well along into to-day.

The republicans all declared that this was the year for Mr. Wadsworth to run as they were certain, and especially after midnight, that no democrat could be elected. There was just one dissenting voice, Alfred E. Smith, the minority leader of the Assembly, was included.

Wadsworth that this was not the year to run unless he wanted to be defeated by a democrat.

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**DENIES ASHOKAN DAM IS WEAK**

A. B. McKim, State Inspector, Replies  
to Criticism of Lax  
Construction.

ALBANY, N. Y., Thursday.—Alexander Rice McKim, State inspector of dams and docks of the New York Conservation Commission, has issued a denial of the charge that the Ashokan Dam was too weak

"There is no ledge of any kind either end of the Ashokan Dam, and it would have been a great blunder to have built the dam on a curve," said Mr. McKim.

"I inspected the work on the Ashok  
Dam November 15, and since have gone  
very carefully over the plans for the  
structure. I believe that it will be  
safe a dam as was ever built, and  
work as a whole on the Catskill was  
one of the best and most important

... of the best and greatest  
+ examples of engineering of this country